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REMARKS

Pending claims

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 as shown in the above listing of claims. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 13, lines 3-12 of the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 under 35 USC § 103 based on Murata (U.S. Pub. App. 2001/0005854) and Gifford (U.S. Pub. App. No. 2002/0131561). The Applicants submit that amended claim 1 and amended claim 9 are patentable over Murata and Gifford.

In particular, with reference to Gifford, the Examiner states (see section 3 at page 2 of the Final Action) that in Figure 2 of Gifford Sandra Jones' telephone number data indicate the destination of the corresponding links in the lower elements.

However, Applicants note that in Gifford the user does not click on a link indicated by a number, he/she clicks on a 'Call Me Back Now' link. Therefore, Gifford does not disclose initiation of a call operation *"based on a predetermined operation of selection of a telephone number corresponding to the telephone number data, and confirmation of the selection"* as claimed in claims 1 and 9.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over a combination of Murata and Gifford, together with claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 15 and 16 by virtue of their dependence on claim 1. Similarly, amended claim 9 is submitted to be patentable over Murata and Gifford for the same reasons as those expressed with reference to claim 1 above, together with claims 11 and 12 by virtue of their dependence on claim 9.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

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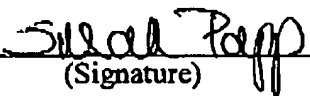
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